

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**A REVIEW OF OVER 200 YEARS OF MARINE RESEARCH IN ARGENTINA**

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**Abstract:** The Bicentennial of the first patriotic government and the INIDEP Anniversary offer an excellent opportunity to look backwards in the history of marine sciences in Argentina, and to the current and future marine and fisheries research with all the information that has formerly been collected. This long time period can be summarized in the following stages:

1. Exploratory voyages and European naturalists until 1850 corresponding with the transition from the Colonial period to the Independent one.
2. Activities organized by Argentine institutions between 1850 and 1950.
3. The current period, since 1950 up to today.

The diversity of research scientists, objectives and institutions has produced an enormous amount of information in different formats. Under the light of alterations that occur within the marine ecosystem by anthropic changes such as climatic and fishing causes, among others, this information has today an immeasurable value to observe environmental and resource tendencies and variations that are these days taking place at a faster speed. The information needs to be preserved, managed and available in an easy and accessible format to develop research activities. This is why scientists have to count on libraries and specialized professionals and for this to happen the IAMSLIC contribution is fundamental and motivates the acknowledgment of all scientists dedicated to marine sciences.